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RINSING METHOD THEREFOR**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Official Action dated March 18, 2008. This paper is set forth as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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